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SUBJECT: BLACK SEA MISSION PROPOSED FOR JUNE 26 TO JULY 1.

1. THE USG IS REVIEWING PROPOSAL FOR A MISSION
IN THE BLACK SEA FROM JUNE 26 TO JULY 1.
2. IF APPROVED, THE MISSION WILL CONSIST OF A GUIDED
MISSILE CRUISER, THE USS HARRY E. YARNELL (CG17), AND A
GUIDED MISSILE DESTROYER (DDG 2), THE USS CHARLES F. ADAMS.
USS YARNELL IS EQUIPPED WITH TWO TWIN TERRIER MISSILE

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LAUNCHERS, ONE ASROC LAUNCHER, FOUR THREE INCH/50 GUNS
(TWIN MOUNTS), TWO MARK 32 TRIPLE TORPEDO TUBES. USS ADAMS
IS EQUIPPED WITH ONE TWIN TARTER LAUNCHER (2 RAILS), TWO
FIVE INCH/54 GUNS, ONE ASROC LAUNCHER, TWO MARK 32 TRIPLE
TORPEDO LAUNCHERS. NO PORT CALLS ARE SCHEDULE. SIMILAR
WARSHIPS, SIMILARLY EQUIPPED, HAVE TRANSITED THE STRAITS
DURING PREVIOUS SILVER FOX OPERATIONS.

3. FYI: PLANNED ROUTE HAS A CLOSEST POINT OF APPROACH (CPA) OF 70 NM FROM ROMANIA, 50 NM FROM BULGARIA, AND 40 NM FROM THE USSR. ROUTE PASSES THROUGH SOVIET EXERCISE AREAS NUMBER THREE, FOUR AND EIGHT. HOWEVER, IF SILVER FOX MISSION DETERMINES VISUALLY OR BY OTHER MEANS THAT SOVIET WEAPONS FIRING EXERCISES ARE ACTUALLY IN PROGRESS

IN THESE AREAS OR OTHERS, MISSION WILL ALTER COURSE AND DEVIATE FROM PROPOSED ROUTE TO AVOID FIRING RANGE CLOSURE AREAS. MISSION IS ALSO AUTHORIZED TO DEVIATE FROM ITS PROPOSED ROUTE FOR UP TO FOUR HOURS STEAMING TIME IN ORDER TO IMPROVE INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION AGAINST TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY. AUTHORIZED CPA FOR THIS CONTINGENCY IS 15 NM FROM ANY TARGET NATION'S COAST, ISLAND, OR ROCK OUTCROPPING. END FYI.

4. FOR ANKARA, MOSCOW, SOFIA, AND BUCHAREST: IF POST PERCEIVES ANY REASON MISSION SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE PLACE AS PLANNED, PLEASE NOTIFY DEPARTMENT BY NIACT IMMEDIATE CABLE NO LATER THAN COB MAY 26.

5. FOR ANKARA: SINCE USG APPROVAL APPEARS LIKELY, POST SHOULD BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR NOTIFYING GOT OF PROPOSED JUNE 26 TRANSIT OF TURKISH STRAITS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MONTREUX CONVENTION. WE ASSUME THIS
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NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY JUNE 9. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTIFY POST BY COB JUNE 6 IF MISSION IS TO TAKE PLACE AS PLANNED. VANCE

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